REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct obvious errors that are readily apparent to one skilled in the art. Some of the errors have been identified and corrected during the prosecution of the parent application, serial no. 09/469,211. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In the Description Of The Figures, "plasmid pSK52040" has been replaced with "plasmid pDV35S1" in the description of Figure 5; "plasmid pSK58040" has been replaced with "plasmid pSK52040" in the description of Figure 6; and "plasmid pDV35S1" has been replaced with "plasmid pSK58040" in the description of Figure 7. Support for this amendment can be found in Figures 5, 6 and 7.

The sequence identifiers in the description of Figures 19, 26, 27 and 28 have been corrected. Particularly, in the description of Figure 19, "Seq. ID No: 13" has been changed to "SEQ ID NO: 19"; in the description of Figure 26, "Seq. ID. 13"has been changed to "SEQ ID NO: 19"; in the description of Figure 27, "Seq. ID. 13" and "SEQ ID NO: 1" have been changed to "SEQ ID NO: 19"; and in the description of Figure 28, "Seq. ID 1" has been changed to "SEQ ID NO: 19". Support for this amendment can be found on page 8 of the specification.

References to figures in Examples 4, 5, 7 and 9 have been corrected to refer to the correct figures and the correct sequence identifier, as above. Particularly, in Example 4, "pBS52040 (Figure 5)" has been replaced with "pBS52040 (Figure 6)" and "pSK58040 (Figure 6)" has been replaced with "pSK58040 (Figure 7)". In Example 5, "pDV35S1 (Figure 7)" has been replaced with "pDV35S1 (Figure 5)"; "pSK52040 (Figure 5)" has been replaced with "pSK52040 (Figure 6)"; and "SEQ ID NO: 18" has been replaced with "SEQ ID NO: 19". In Example 7, "pDV35S1 (Figure 7)" has been replaced with "pDV35S1 (Figure 5)". In Example 9, "pSK58040 (Figure 6)" has been replaced with pSK58040 (Figure 7)".

The composition of SSPE has been corrected to be *0.280 M sodium chloride*; 9 mM disodium hydrogen phosphate; 9 mM sodium dihydrogen phosphate; 1 mM sodium EDTA; pH 7.4. One of skilled in the art would know how to make the SSPE which is well known. The composition of SSPE is also disclosed in Maniatis *et al.*, 1990, Molecular Cloning, A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Press, N.Y., pp. B13;

and Ausubel *et al.*, 1989, Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, Green Publishing Associates and Wiley Interscience, N.Y. The specification has also been corrected to recite that the expression of the nucleic acid sequence is at a basal or *median* level instead of *medial* level.

The abstract has been corrected to comprise one paragraph instead of two paragraphs.

Entry of the foregoing amendments and consideration of the foregoing remarks are respectfully requested.

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